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MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" Will the Hon. Minister take information from me that there are very many societies in which the concurrent and final audit has been considerably delayed? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I take the information from the hon. Member and I shall certainly go into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long it will take for the Government to come to a decision regarding the steps to be taken for increasing the audit staff? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" We have come to a decision, Sir, and very soon it will be put into effect."

Starting of cement factories.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India invited by a Press Note applications for starting cement factories;

(*b*) whether in response to it a number of persons and institutions applied and if so who they are with full particulars;

(*c*) whether the Government of Madras recommended all or any of the applications;

(*d*) whether the Government of India accepted all or any of the recommendations;

(*e*) who the persons are whose applications were approved by the Government of India;

(*f*) whether one of the applications recommended by the Government of Madras was one submitted by Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi of Kurnool and others;

(*g*) whether the Government of India did not sanction the application referred to in (*f*) in the first instance;

(*h*) whether the Government of Madras time and again pressed for the favourable consideration of Sri Rao Bahadur Sesha Reddi's application as a special case;

(*i*) whether the Government of India as a special case approved the application of Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi for one unit of fifty thousand tons capacity for a factory at Kurnool;

(*j*) whether it is a fact that on receipt of this sanction of the Government of India, Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi was informed by telegram by this Government not to enter into any commitments as they had represented to the Government of India that Madras Government desire to establish cement as well as other basic industries as nationalized industries;

(*k*) whether the Government of Madras refused to recommend to the Government of India applications for capital issue and for registration of capital goods required for the cement factory which have long been pending with them; and

(*l*) what the policy of the Government is on nationalization in general and with special reference to cement in particular?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) A statement[a] showing the particulars of the applicants for cement industry is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) The Government of Madras recommended the following applications :—

(i) Sri S. N. N. Sankaralinga Ayyar.
(ii) Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi.
(iii) Sri A. Satyanarayanamurthy.
(iv) Sri S. S. Natarajan.
(v) The Raja of Venkatagiri.

" (*d*) *to* (*f*) The Government of India have accepted the recommendations of this Government in regard to the applications from the following persons only :—

(i) Sri S. N. N. Sankaralinga Iyer.
(ii) Sri Rao Bahadur B. P. Sesha Reddi.

" (*g*) *&* (*h*) It will not be in the public interest to disclose details of such correspondence between the two Governments.

" (*i*) This Government's recommendation for a cement factory at Kurnool was accepted by the Government of India in October 1946.

" (*j*) Yes.

" (*k*) *&* (*l*) The Government have under consideration the question of nationalization of certain basic industries including cement manufacture and until they reach a decision on this matter further action on individual applications has been deferred.

" I should like to add to this, that these questions have been considered and also the question of nationalization. It is likely that the individual concern may get the licence under certain conditions. That will be informed in due course, because the decisions are not yet complete."

Pay of Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answers to Question No. 57 and supplementary questions on the same, will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the grades of salaries of Assistant Crown Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors were fixed ;

(*b*) whether in view of the increased cost of living, the question of revising the grades has been considered;

(*c*) whether the duties performed by officers belonging to different grades are the same or different ;

(*d*) if the duties are the same, whether there is need to maintain officers of different grades instead of one grade ;

(*e*) what the rules governing their travelling allowances are ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 260-261 *infra*.